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In re application of:

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For: COMPOSITIONS WHICH CAN BE USED  
FOR REGULATING THE ACTIVITY OF  
PARKIN

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-31.

Please add new claims 32-62, as follows.

32. (new) A compound capable of modulating the interaction between the PAP1 protein, or homolog thereof, and parkin.

33. (new) A compound as claimed in claim 32, which slows, inhibits or stimulates said interaction.